



TO: The Honorable Steve Pierce
President, Arizona State Senate

The Honorable Andy Tobin
Speaker, Arizona House of Representatives

FROM: Karen Liersch
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RE: **A.R.S. 15-232 Semiannual Report to the Arizona Legislature from
Adult Education Services: June 1, 2012 – December 1, 2012**

For the second consecutive year, the Arizona Adult Education System was ranked 4th nationally for educational gains, producing over two grade level increases for less than \$1,250 per student annually. The U.S. Department of Labor statistics show that adults who complete Adult Secondary Education and earn their high school diploma by passing the GED® Test earn approximately \$8,500 more in taxable wages each year, which generates tax revenue at both the state and federal levels almost immediately. During FY 2012, over 12,600 Arizona adults earned their high school diploma by passing the GED® Test.

Of the 15,752 people who applied for instruction in Arizona Adult Education during the reporting period, 623 people (4% percent) were denied instruction because they failed to provide acceptable evidence of citizenship or legal residence in the United States.

At the time of enrollment, ALL students must provide documented proof of legal residency. To ensure compliance with Prop 300 amendments to ARS 15-232, ADE staff conduct on-site inspections of student enrollment records annually.

Note: DACA individuals are excluded from participation in ADE-funded adult education programs.

The following table provides current and historical state totals for the number of people who are waitlisted for classes in each AES service area, who applied for classes, and who were denied enrollment according to changes made to ARS 15-232 as part of Prop 300. Waitlisted students are those who attempted to enroll, but could not because of the limited capacity of the system to meet the demand for classes. Waitlists can last as long as two years.

Arizona Adult Education ARS 15-232 Compliance Report COMPARISON	ARS 15-232 Report Date		Waitlist ABE/ASE*	Waitlist ELAA**	Waitlist TOTAL	ARS 15-232 Applicants	ARS 15-232 Service Denials
	December	2012	3894	2374	6268	15,752	623
	June	2012	3289	2769	6058	15,363	486
	December	2011	4112	2328	6440	16,606	510
	June	2011	4173	2368	6541	16,248	555
	December	2010	4077	2271	6348	15,873	544
	June	2010	4521	3338	7859	19,652	503
	December	2009	4775	3020	7795	18,488	523
	June	2009	4048	2551	6599	19,040	890
	December	2008	4025	2877	6902	20,060	470
	June	2008	3347	2703	6050	16,373	771
	December	2007	3151	2434	5585	18,276	1149
	June	2007	2342	4382	6724	11,931	1403

* ABE: Adult Basic Education (*Reading, Writing, Math through 8th Grade*)

* ASE: Adult Secondary Education (Reading, Writing, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies: grades 9-12)

** ELAA: English Language Acquisition for Adults

